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Naples, October 30. *N. S.*

THE Government here is at preſent levying the Tax upon Windows, which has been laid on this City and the Territory belonging to it, to make up the Sum which they have promiſed to give to the King of *Spain* by the way of a Free Gift; but Cardinal *Cantelmi*, Archbiſhop of this City, pretends that the Clergy ought to be exempted, becauſe they gave the King a Free Gift at his firſt coming hither. Several Companies of Soldiers were ſhipped off here this week for the *Spaniſh* Sea-Port Towns on the Coaſt of *Tuſcany*, to relieve the Forces in Gariſon there. A Squadron of Horſe was ſent ſome days ago into the *Abruzzo*, and more Forces will ſhortly be ordered thither, to ſuppreſs thoſe who are in Arms in that Province in favour of the Houſe of *Auſtria*. Divers Perſons, who were Impriſoned upon Suſpition of being in the ſame Intereſt, are ſet at Liberty, there appearing nothing againſt them. Don *Dominico de Luna*, who was ſeized here ſome Months ago, upon the Information of a Shopkeeper, That he had endeavoured to entice him to raiſe a Tumult in favour of the Emperor, is removed from the Priſon of this City to the Caſtle of *Gaeta*. Don *Malicia Caraffa*, and another Gentleman, that were taken up and confined on an Accuſation of the like nature, have made their Eſcapes.

Florence, Nov. 18. Letters from *Leghorne* of yeſterday, give an Account of the Arrival in that Port of a *Dutch* Ship call'd the *Pearl*, with a Prize which ſhe had taken, called the *St. Joſeph*, being a *French* Merchant Ship of a great Burthen, which ſailed from *Leghorne* about a fortnight before, bound for *Smirna*, and had on board 30000 Dollars in Money, and Goods to the Value of above 40000 Dollars more.

Rome, Nov. 18. *N. S.* The Pope has been indiſpoſed for ſeveral days, but is now perfectly recovered; He went lately to view a ſmall Palace near the Vatican, built by Pope *Pius* IV. and has ordered it to be repaired, intending to make it a Retiring Place at ſuch times as he ſhall deſire to be in private. He has lately been apply'd to with great Earneſtneſs, both by the Imperialiſts and the *French*, for the liberty of taking Winter Quarters in his Territories, but has refuſed them both; Yet it is ſaid, he has engaged for the Security of the Convoys of Proviſions, which come up the *Po* from *Mezola* through the *Ferrareſe*, for the Service of the Imperial Army. Cardinal *Rodolowich* died here ſome days ago of an Apoplexy, in the 78th year of his Age; He was commended for his Skill in the Management of State Affairs, and had gone through ſeveral of the chief Employments at this Court: By his Death the Archbiſhoprick of *Chieti*, and ſeveral other rich Benefices, are become vacant. The laſt week three *Turkiſh* Veſſels were, by ſtreſs of Weather, ſtranded on our Coaſts, one near the Lake *Fogliano*, in the Territory of *La Ciſterna*, on board which 26 of their Men were taken by the Country People and Militia, and another near the Port of *Santa Felicita*, which had on board 36 *Turks*, who were taken Priſoners, and ſeveral Chriſtian Slaves and the third a *Turkiſh* Brigantine, driven aſhore near *Civita-Vecchia*, which ſome Fiſhing Veſſels there having perceived, they took her, and having got her off, carried her into that Port; There were on board her 60 Turks and 10 Chriſtian Slaves. Orders are ſent for theſe Priſoners to make their Quarantaine at *Sermoneta*; after which the Chriſtians will be ſet at Liberty, and the Turks will be put on board the Pope's Gallies. Several Shocks of Earthquake have lately been felt in this Country, and we hear that it threw down ſeveral Houſes and Churches at *Norcia*, and killed divers of the Inhabitants, and did ſome Damage at *Spoleto* and *Terni*. The Pope has made Don *Carlo Albani*, his Nephew, one of the Gentlemen of his Bedchamber, and it is ſaid he will beſtow ſome Preferment upon Don *Horatio Albani*, his Brother. Laſt week arrived here 4 covered Wagons, having the Emperor's Arms on them, which were drawn by 8 Horſes each, and well guarded, and are ſaid to be loaden with Money, for the uſe of the Imperial Army in the *Modeneſe*. An Accident happened here laſt week, which is like to prove of a very ill Conſequence; Cardinal *Grimani*, the Chief of the Emperor's Party at this Court, and Protector of the Affairs of the Houſe of *Auſtria*, being abroad in his Coach to take the Air, was overtaken in a narrow Lane by the Dutcheſs of *Uceda*, the *Spaniſh* Ambaſſador's Lady, who being uneaſy at the Cardinal's going very ſlowly, ordered her Coachman to drive on before, which the Cardinal permitted, and ſaluted her as ſhe paſſed by; but her ſecond Coach attempting to do the like, it was not allowed of; whereupon the Gentlemen that were in the Coach leaped out with their Swords drawn, and the Cardinal's Gentlemen perceiving it, did the like, and after ſome Diſpute, in which one of the *Spaniſh* Lady's Pages was wounded, the *Spaniards* were forced to go back. The Cardinal, as ſoon as he came home, gave notice to the Pope of what had paſſed, who immediately ſent Cardinal *Paolucci*, his Secretary of State, to the *Venetian* Ambaſſador, to deſire he would endeavour to reconcile this Matter, and divers Expedients have been propoſed for this purpoſe, but none of them have yet ſucceeded, and it is not a little part of the Difficulty, that the Cardinal refuſes to ſign any Writing wherein the Title of Ambaſſador from the King of *Spain* is given to the Duke of *Uceda*: In the mean time both Parties have got together in their Palaces a great number of Men in Arms to maintain their Quarrel, and the Pope has found it neceſſary to place Guards in ſeveral Parts of the City, to prevent further Diſorders. The Pope has declar'd his Intention of going to *Loretto*

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